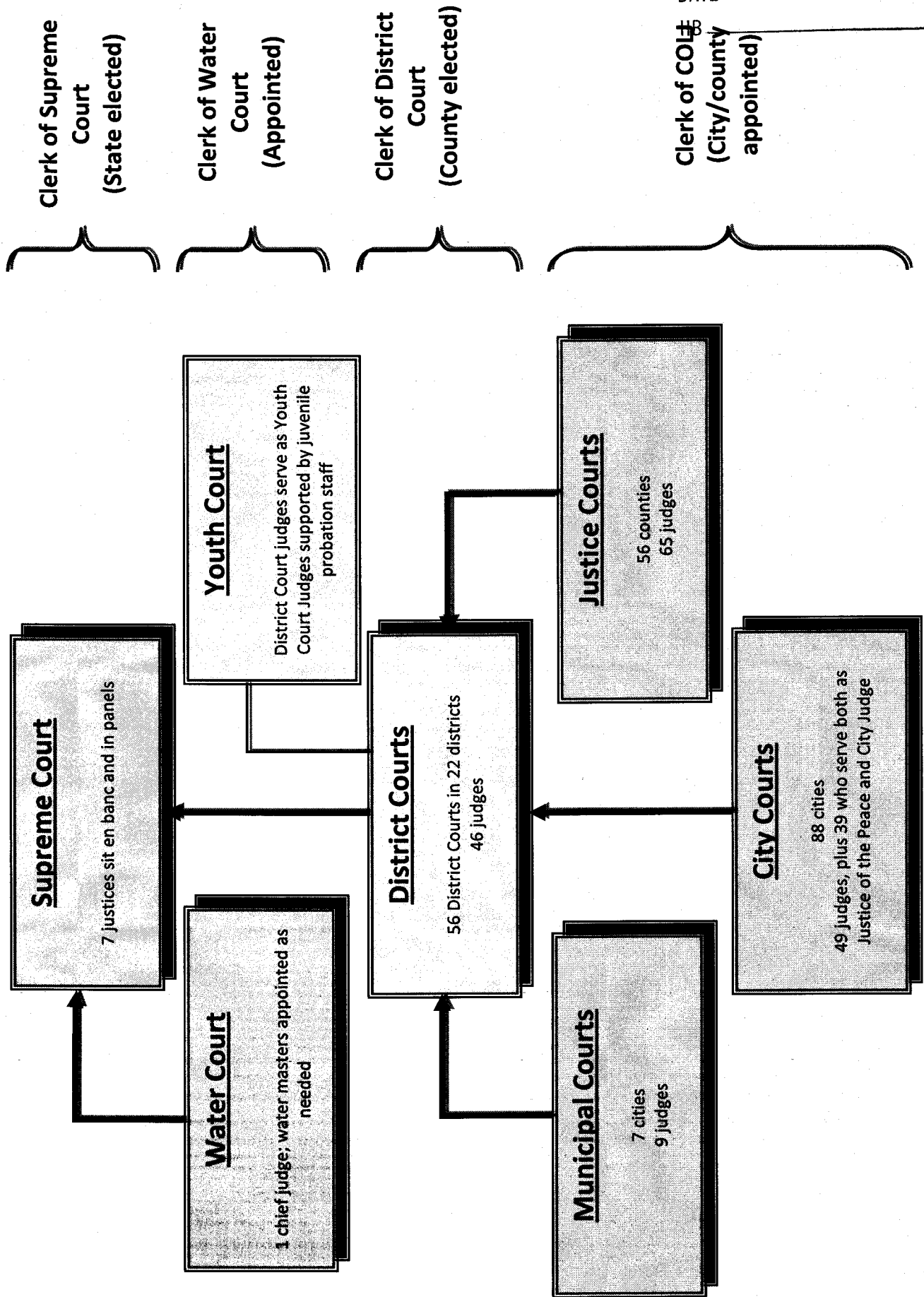
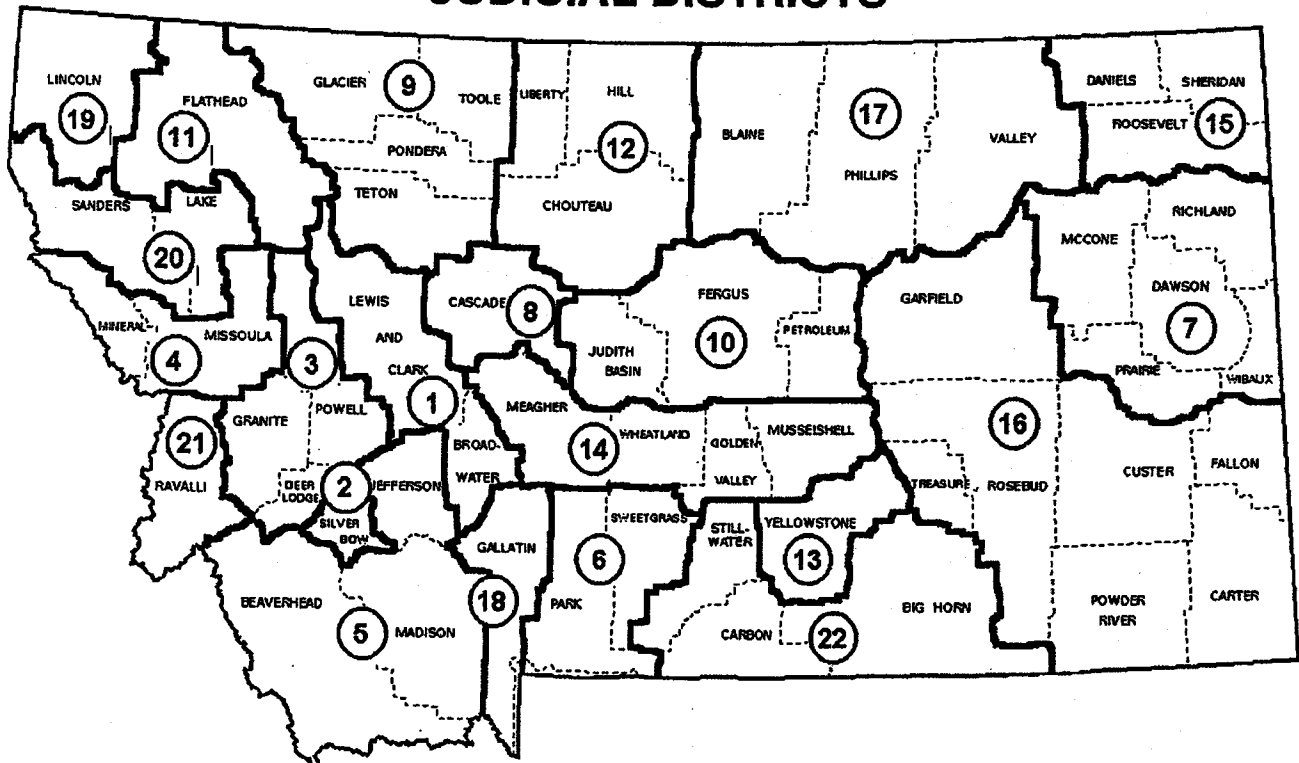


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JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH BASICS

January 2011

☐ **CY 2010 case filings**

- Supreme Court: 650
- District Court: 48,056
- Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: 307,751

☐ **2011 biennium budget: \$74.9 million (all funds)**

- Judicial Branch budget as percent of statewide budget: 2%
- Percent of Judicial Branch funding from general fund: 94%

☐ **Funded through Judicial Branch budget:**

- Supreme Court, including Office of Court Administrator
- Water Court
- Clerk of Supreme Court
- State Law Library
- District Courts, excluding courtroom/ office space and Clerks of District Court
- Courts of Limited Jurisdiction: judges' training and court technology support (case management system, computers, connectivity)

☐ **Number of state-funded Judicial Branch employees: 410 (2011 biennium)**

- Percent residing outside Helena: 78%
- Salary and benefits as percent of budget: 77%

☐ **Youth Court – CY 2009**

- 5,653 youth referred to Youth Court
- 81% of referrals handled informally by juvenile probation officers
- 53 out-of-state placements (out of 8,994 referrals)
- 87 youth (less than 2%) committed to Department of Corrections

☐ **Performance measures**

- Supreme Court – Bench & bar survey; employee survey; case flow measures
- District Courts – Courthouse survey and case flow measures under construction

☐ **Important dates:**

- July 1, 2002 -- State assumption of District Court expenses
- July 1, 2006 -- Public defender function transferred to Executive Branch